

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, 10, 12-14, 24, 26-29, and 31-35 are now pending in the application. Claims 31-35 have been amended to correct an erroneous claim dependency. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-10, 12-14, 24, 26-29 and 31-35 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 1-10 of co-pending Application No. 09/736,853

Submitted with this response is a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal portion of U.S. Application No. 09/736,853. It is submitted that the Terminal Disclaimer obviates the double patenting rejection and Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and allow each of the rejected claims.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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